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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIII ACTION AGAINST FRANCE

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1. THE DREE HAS NOW CONFIRMED GOF POSITION OF MAKING PUBLIC THE AGREEMENTS REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOF DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO OFFICIALLY INFORM AFFECTED FRENCH PRODUCERS UNTIL LATE JUNE BUT HAS NO OBJECTIONS PRIOR RELEASE

IN WASHINGTON. SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT SOCIAL UNREST IN THE FARM SECTOR IS MAJOR CAUSE FOR THIS DECISION.

B. GOF WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL OR TRADE PUBLICATIONS INTENDED TO REACH U. S. PRODUCERS OF PRODUCTS CONCERNED.

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C. GOF ALSO SEES NO DIFFICULTY IN USING INFORMATION IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON TRADE LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE CREDIBILITY OF THE GATT.

D. GOF WOULD PREFER THAT AGREEMENT NOT BE SUBJECT OF PRESS RELEASE SPECIFICALLY DEVOTED TO THIS MATTER, AS THEY FEEL SUCH PUBLICITY WOULD BE DISPROPORTIONATE AND NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. DREE OFFICIAL SAID GOF HOPED THAT U. S. PRESENTATION WOULD FOCUS ON LIBERALIZATION AS COMING TO MATURITY OF LONG- STANDING COMMITMENT RATHER THAN NEW ENGAGEMENTS BY GOF.

3. ON BEHALF GOF, DREE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U. S. G. WILLINGNESS CONSULT WITH IT ON THIS ISSUE. THEY REALIZE USG FREE TO DO AS IT PLEASES IN THIS AREA.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORMING EMBASSY WHEN FIRST PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION MADE AND SENDING US TEXTS OF ANY ARTICLES.

DECON 6/30/74.
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